



The Weekly

Immanuel Anglican Church
Prince William County

August 16, 2026

Pastor's Corner "Life Groups: Come and See"

*I am the Vine, y'all are the branches. When y'all are joined
with me and I with y'all,
the relationship intimate and organic, the harvest is sure
to be abundant.*

*Separated, y'all can't produce a thing.
(John 15:5, The Message [Southern Style])*

A Life Group provides the grace-full opportunity to experience Jesus' promise, "If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples" (John 15:7-8). Remember each "you" in these sentences is plural, which is why I added the "y'alls" in the opening quotation. **The call to *abide in Jesus* – to live in Jesus, to make him our home, to join in intimate and organic relationship with him – is fulfilled in community, not in isolation.**

Jesus' three years with his twelve closest disciples is the living image of abiding in him: real relationships, mutual serving, teaching and learning, long slow walks and intense ministry experiences, working through conflict and going to parties together – **as a small group with Jesus.**

When Jesus is at the center of small group relationships – motivating, empowering, teaching, guiding you into love of God and love of each other – *life happens*. When *together* you are learning to love by *together* following Jesus, *together* living life with him, allowing Jesus to form your attitudes, actions and words with each other – **that’s where transformation happens, where genuine relationships deepen, where we experience the real safety of trustworthy friendships, “intimate and organic relation” that even moves us into pursuing the best for our neighbors, communities and nation.**

So join a Life Group this fall, beginning the second week of September! Each time you gather you’ll spend twenty minutes or so getting to know each other, and remembering our call to become Jesus’ disciples. Next, after a brief prayer or song, you’ll read selections from the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) and be guided into revelatory conversations about who Jesus is, what God’s kingdom is really like, and how Jesus calls his disciples to live. You’ll then identify how these insights connect with us in our day, and consider ways of integrating those truths into your own life. You’ll close with a time of sharing and praying for each other.

In a few days you’ll receive an email with a link to register for a Life Group via Realm. Click the link, and review the options for the available Life Groups – when they’re meeting, where they’re located, and who is leading them. Then select one and join!

I encourage you to register and attend at least the first meeting, even if you’re undecided about whether to commit

for the full fourteen weeks. Think of it as an invitation from Jesus: *"Come, and you will see"* (John 1:39).

Your Pastor in Christ,

Travis +

WORSHIP

Please join us each Sunday at 8:00am or 10:30am at 7075 Hoadly Road, Manassas, VA. You may also join us at 10:30am via [livestream](#).

Morning Prayer is offered via [Zoom](#) every Thursday at 8am.
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85934655171>
Meeting ID: 859 3465 5171

Morning Prayer at Immanuel Tuesday - Friday, in the Nave from 8:30am - 9:00am.

Midday prayer is offered Tuesday – Friday in the Nave at noon.

Visit iachurch.org/worship for more details.

CALL FOR DELEGATES FOR SYNOD

Each year the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic (DOMA) conducts an annual meeting (Synod) with delegate representation from the Clerical Order and from the Lay Order. Our Rector is a member of the Clerical Order and Immanuel can elect three delegates and an alternate delegate to the Lay Order.

Synod this year is being held in Fairfax, VA at Truro Anglican Church on Friday, November 13 and Saturday, November 14. Anyone can attend but only delegates can vote.

Each delegate and alternate shall be an eligible voter in the congregation they represent and need to be confirmed or received by a Bishop of the Province or another province of the Anglican Communion. Additionally, delegates must be willing to affirm the Fundamental Declarations of the Diocese and affirm Title II, Canon 5 of the Diocese Canons. These documents can be provided upon request.

Please prayerfully consider nominating yourself or others. If you wish to nominate others, please ask for their agreement to serve. Nominations should be presented to one of the election committee members, Jerry Fitzsimmons or Monika Dew at office@iachurch.org.

IMPORTANT DATES

August 23	Prayer Walk	Between services
August 29	Ladies Coffee	IHOP 10:00 AM
Sept 13	Adult Class	9:15am CR1
Sept 13	Confirmation Classes	9:15 am CR 4
Life Groups		Sign-up on Realm
Nov 13 & 14	Synod	Nominate delegates now

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer Walk: Join Kristi Ellison and Paul Giannini for a back-to-school prayer walk around several of our local schools as we prepare to send our students and teachers back under the protection and with the blessing of their heavenly Father. We will meet out front of Immanuel Anglican Church BETWEEN services on Sunday, August 23, (9:15ish) where we will divide into teams, one to each of the three local schools around our church, covering some key prayer points. The goal is to finish in time for those who want to return for the 10:30am service. Let's make a stand for Jesus for these places, the teachers and students who so desperately need His presence!

Food Cupboard Ministry: For the month of August we are collecting canned fruit, canned vegetables and canned soups. The food cupboard is to the left as you enter the storage room located between classrooms 1 & 2.

Blessing Bags: Updated lists for the contents of the Blessing Bags are available. Please pick one and fill a bag for a woman in need. To date 44 purses for the ACTS Domestic Violence shelter have been delivered! Thank you to all who

have donated to this ministry. Please contact Lee or Jennifer Roberds at (703) 298-5240 if you have any questions.

The Right to Reproductive Freedom Amendment is on the November 3, ballot, which will enshrine Abortions into the Virginia constitution if it passes. An email from the head of the Anglicans for Life Chapter at All Saints Anglican Church in Dale City has made information on a learning and prayer opportunity covering this election issue and others available. The event is open to the public and will be held on September 2, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at The Falls Church Anglican Church, 6567 Arlington Blvd. The parking garage is adjacent to the church. Attendees are requested to register, but walk-ins are welcome. Register [here](#).

Please consider attending! It is imperative to understand the amendment before voting. The amendment itself will not be on the ballot, only a single question requiring a yes or no answer. The wording of the ballot question does not convey, in reality, what this will mean for the state of Virginia. Please consider coming. Contact Paul or Cathleen Giannini with any questions or if you would like to carpool. Contact info is: Paul, 703-304-1671 or pjgiannini13@gmail.com and Cathleen, 703-851-0908 or cragchat1@gmail.com.

MISSION TRIPS

Kevin Robertson is heading to Surabaya, Indonesia to serve with Joni and Friends Wheels for the World(TM) . He will then continue to meet with other in-country mission partners. He asks for prayer for all those whom God has called to be served and hear His Good News. If you would like to financially contribute, click [here](#).

COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

Immanuel Kids: As the sun sets and you nod off to sleep, an entire nighttime world awakens. Along with our dreams and slumber, the night can also mean shadows and unfamiliar sounds. Who makes us feel safe when the world is dark and scary? In this four-week series based on the life of Joseph, we'll learn about how God watches over us and loves everyone the same. No matter what we go through, God will make things right, which is why we can obey God above anyone else.

Youth Ministry: Middle and high school students will resume regular Youth Group on Sunday, August 23, from 12-1:30 PM. Save the date for our Youth & Volunteer BBQ on August 30 as we kick off the new ministry year! For more information, contact mbyers@iachurch.org

Sunday Night Men's Bible Study: The men meet each Sunday night except the third Sunday of the month which is reserved for Cruciform. The next meeting will be on August 9 in classroom 4 beginning at 7pm. The men finished the study of Daniel and will be planning the study to begin in the fall. This week the meeting time will be split between planning and Fellowship concluding by 8:30 pm. If you have any questions, contact Mike Harpster [here](#) or Scott Finney [here](#).

Women's Monday Night Bible Study: We have considered such questions as "How do the father's words in 9:24 echo your own feelings at times?" (Mark 9:24 "I do believe, help me overcome my unbelief!"); "What have you learned from this passage (Mark 9:2-29) about what to do when you face problems and crises?" All ladies are welcome to join us as we study the Gospel of Mark using N.T. Wright for Everyone

Bible Study Guides- MARK. We are on Mark 9:30-50 and chapter 11 of the study guide. You don't need to be reading the study guide ahead and you may join at any time. Monday evening gatherings 7-8:30 p.m. via ZOOM. Please contact Kathy Oravetz at 571-334-8786 or koravetzdpt@gmail.com for more information and the ZOOM link.

Men's Dinner: All Immanuel men and their guests are invited to join us for some fellowship and conversation at our weekly Monday Men's Dinner. The next dinner will be on August 17, Armetta's located at 5524 Staple Mill Plaza, Dale City. New attendees are always welcome so come and join us and bring someone with you.

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study: Join this caring group at 10:00 am in Classroom #1 to study Isaiah using the Melissa Spoelstra book and video: "Isaiah: Striving Less and Trusting God More". We'll unpack Isaiah's words to reveal that you can trust God more than your own human effort or the counterfeits the world suggests. Contact Barbara Finney at blynn56@verizon.net or 703-405-2651 for workbooks or more information.

Tuesday Ladies Dinner: The next dinner will be at Montclair Family restaurant, located at 17001 Dumfries Rd., Dumfries, on August 18, 2026, at 5:00 pm. Please RSVP [here](#).

Saturday Morning Men's Discussion: The group is taking a break for the summer. Discussions will resume on September 14, 2026, at 8:00 am in classroom 1. Please come prepared to recommend the next study series. For more information contact Gary Grey at: gary8638@gmail.com or 703-966-2812.

Saturday Morning Ladies Coffee: Once a month the Immanuel ladies will meet for coffee. The first meeting is August 29, 2026, at 10:00 am at IHOP on Hoadly Road. For more information contact Monika Dew at 202-257-2348.

Men's Breakfast: The men will meet August 15, for the monthly breakfast at 8:00am. Come join in for a hot breakfast and fellowship

Cruciform: Join the men of Immanuel and the community on August 16, 2026, for a deep dive into men's decision-making paths at Cruciform Crossroad Conversations - a journey of self-discovery and growth. Real talk. Real faith. Real growth. Participate in in-depth conversations about the challenges men are navigating in today's world. Bring a friend. Open to all men from all churches - 18+. Food included.

Financial Update thru July 31, 2026

Operations

Revenue	\$359,605.25
Expenses	<u>\$291,578.87</u>
Net	\$ 68,026.38

Building

Revenue	\$126,519.81
Expenses	<u>\$ 59,784.68</u>
Net	\$ 66,735.13

The Operations fund pays for salaries & admin costs, mission outreach, ministry expenses (such as children, youth and adult, altar guild, fellowship), and facility expenses (such as insurance, maintenance of property, equipment costs). The building fund pays for the monthly mortgage, that loan amount due monthly is \$15,420.

County Community Activities

Put your notice here!

Not receiving The Weekly? You can sign up on the IAC website by going to [here](#). Scroll to the bottom of the page and complete the subscribe form. If you need help, contact the Parish Administrator at office@iachurch.org.

Lost and Found

Lost and found items can be found in the basket on the usher's table.

Building Usage

If you or your group would like to use a room at the church, please contact the office at office@iachurch.org or tharpster@iachurch.org to schedule the date, time and room. Unscheduled meetings cannot always be accommodated. Please note the configuration pictures in each room on the wall near the light switch. After your meeting, please return the room to the arrangement in the picture without exception. All rooms are used for many different activities. If your group is using the hallway space and set up tables, please return the tables to the closet at the end of the session.

Parking Lot

If you or your group need to leave vehicles in the parking lot overnight during an activity, please contact the Parish Administrator before leaving. You will be asked to leave the make, model and license number of the vehicle, your departure and return dates and times. Any vehicles left in the parking lot without notification are subject to towing at the owner's expense.